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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	<u>Trujillo</u>	ORIGINAL DATE	<u>01-31-08</u>	HJM	<u>16</u>
SHORT TITLE	<u>Disability Awareness Day</u>	LAST UPDATED	<u></u>	SB	<u></u>
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 16 resolves that the Legislature of the State of New Mexico proclaim that Wednesday, January 30, 2008 be “Disability Awareness Day” to honor persons with disabilities and their families, advocates and providers, who enrich New Mexico’s culture and contribute to the continuing improvement in the quality of life in New Mexico’s persons with disabilities.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Memorial herein states:

- Persons with disabilities and their family members represent over one-fourth of New Mexico’s population; and
- This community advocates with legislators to improve the continuum of disability services statewide; and
- This community advocates increasing disability education and training to individuals, families, providers and the general public; and
- This community advocates providing adequate funding to address the needs of the disability community; and
- This community advocates ensuring that disability services are provided in a culturally competent manner; and
- This community advocates using data and information in the decision-making process for the disability continuum in New Mexico; and
- This community advocates increasing the number of persons with disabilities in New Mexico by providing appropriate employment and housing opportunities for disability services workers; and
- Self-advocates, family members, other advocates and providers strive to ensure that persons with disabilities lead personally meaningful lives, reaching personal goals with resiliency and hope.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Persons with disabilities and their families will not be honored on January 30, 2008 at the New Mexico State Legislature.

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